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May 31, 2013  
Jeff S. Jordan  
Supervisory Attorney  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20463


Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your 23 May, 2013 letter, advising me of a complaint received from Mr. Haberstroh, alleging a violation of FEC Act of 1971, as amended. The MUR is #6736.

This complaint is without merit. I have attempted to follow the letter and spirit of the law as I have begun the process of making a decision about running for Congress. As of 15 April, 2013, I publicly announced the formation of an exploratory committee and began the development of an exploratory shell webpage as part of that process. That website was not populated with issues nor could it receive donations. In the process of exploring my viability as a candidate, I determined to move forward and on 18 May I publicly announced my candidacy. I have filed FEC Form 2 per the regulations, and am in the process of forwarding FEC Form 1. To date, I have received contributions consisting of \$100 from my daughter and a \$15 unsolicited donation from a citizen in the Ninth District of Pennsylvania. Other than incidental expenses such as gasoline, to visit those who requested I come speak to them to acquaint them with my views and measure their level of support, and minimal URL acquisition costs of approximately \$332, I have not raised nor spent any campaign funds. A copy of a temporary bank statement is attached demonstrating no activity other than an initial deposit.

I trust this statement of fact addresses the essence of the complaint as I understand it and will resolve the issue. Please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

  
Art Halvorson